World's Fair.

## Maj. THOMPSON'S CASE.

Distressing Results of a Child's Mis-

BY LEON MEAD,



HERE were half a burg, and was brought home about a year ago dozen rough-looking and baried up in the graveyard." individuals standing in front of Braper's Hotel | piped a voice. -the only caravansary that Cactus Barboasted. in the same regiment with Joe, poor fellow, It was a little after and I held his head on my knee when he cursel, and the dusk | breathed his last." was first dispuning. By the look of listless ex- rlonsly, portuncy on the faces of this group of men, ment, Joe received a fatal bullet wound in his alized, whose gaze was directed up the quiet street, it

was evident that something interesting enough to keep the voluble Sam Peters silent was about to happen. At length one man broke the mountary by drawing from his packet a large open-faced silver watch, which he consulted for a moment, with the opportunity to relate some reminisand then remarked: "Seven o'clock. She's rences of the deceased soldier, until a bell an-

It was Bob Draper, the proprietor of the hotel, who had spoken. He replaced the large watch in his pocket and moved a few steps away from the loiterers, with an air of importance that had gradually grown with his pros-

perity in lusiness. "She ginerally gits here 'bout six, don't she, Boby" asked a bilious-visaged man of small stature and limited intelligence. Now that's a durn pritty question to ast

slightly under the influence of liquor. "Haint | Bar-well, why should be stay here any longer you lived in this town long enough to know | than he could help? when the stage gits in, you half-baked Shoozer?" "I wasn't talkin' to yer, Luke Myers, an' I

wish you'd have perliteness to mind yer own "Oh, ye do, do ye?" retorted the tipsy man with a malevolent leer.

"I hope Redmond and Myers will have it out," observed Sam Peters to the landlord. he had gasped, "I'd like to have you cut off a "You know, Bob, them two has fit each other lock of my hair and put it in this locket, which every Fourth of July ever sence I can remem- contains her picture. Sometime, if you are

the best man. Tad Redmond baint got 410 good deal to ask, but "business with Luke when Luke is soler."

this a fight in front of his hotel would have been refrain from opening the locket and looking, cordinly encouraged by Bob Draper. These for the first time, at the picture which it conbroils always brought a delighted crowd of tained, tion to patronize it. But now the evertue fulshe is!" passengers, this mandlin scene, instead of pre- the presence of Joe's sister. That face ! Yes, case.' possessing them in favor of Caetus Bar, would, it was the exact counterpart of the face he had in the majority of cases, drive them away from seen in the locket, only it was more serious It as soon as possible.

As the two men became more and more enraged, and rained staggering blows upon each | found the courage to say, "is Thompson, I other's bloody faces, Mr. Draper evinced great | was a friend of your brother's"nnessiness, and he implored them in vain to finish the struggle elsewhere. They were disgracing his house; besides, the Baptist minister of Cactus Bar was expected home from his Summor vacation that very night, and what on fore the end he requested me to cut off a lock earth wouldn't he say about the row on the following Sabbath?

But Mr. Draper's words proved of no avail | to deliver them to you sometime in person, and | whatever. It is doubtful if any of the bystand- | that is my present mission here." ers even comprehended their purport. The "Dear Joe! And his last thought was of fundlord, however, was not left long in sus- me?" she asked, with tears in her eyes, as

Soon up the street there arose a curtain of derly kissed the coil of bloude hair neatly arand that heraided the approach of the rocking, ranged opposite her own picture. creaking coach. In a perfect freuzy of excitement Draper shouted: "The stage! The

Instantly the loiterers unchained their attention from the puglilsts and fixed their eyes duty he owed to the dead, but she repeated upon the now visible couch, the sound of whose rumbling wheels came nearer and louder. As heart as the utterances of no other woman had though half the inducement to fight was lost ever done. An hour passed before the Major when the attention of the spectators became rose to take his departure. The circumstances withdrawn from them, Tad Redmond and of their meeting and the sympathetic charac-Luke Myers mutually rested from their combut, agreeing to resume it after the stage had them friends. passed on. Four horses dripping with foam and perspiration came prancing down the stage drivers of that section.

Everyone observed that only one passenger | 42 years, he was now, after this brief acquaint- | able (?) services. alighted from the coach, and he was not the ance with her, wholly infatuated with Ruth In less than an hour Mrs. Veley came back give his name in full, Maj. Thomas Turnbull weeks afterward. Thompson, U. S. A., retired, This silstinguished-looking personage, with large lightblue eyes, silvered heir and florid countenance, stepped out of the ancient vehicle, and giving sake of brevity, it may be plainly stated that Ruth's divorce suit would be withdrawn.

time, turned toward the hotel, self as the host, and inquired if the gentleman | tual termination of his suit would be, would like a hot bear steak, and some nice buckwheat cakes—the first of the season,

meal, Mr. Landlord. I don't mind confessing | Maj. Thompson, and this is what it said: that I am hungry enough to cat a broiled In-The loiterers now began to edge away toward

mation; "Come, on boys; Tad and Luke are oin' at it agin."

but I have my fiving to get, and I do not know of Abou may better way of getting it. I hope to be more said:

The Major perceived that something was in successful this time, as I have prepared a more "G goin' at it agin." the wind and asked, "Any excitement going

the back yard in response to a hearse procla-

"Only a row between a couple of loasers," answered Draper, honestly. "Nothing that me, and is to have one-third of the net profits.

would interest you, sir," he added, with a look | And now, Major, in regard to Tommy, your name sake. I have concluded to send him to you and of semi-luquiry at the distinguished arrival. tet you adopt him, as you suggested doing some-"I am not so sure of that," protested the Major. "Let me register and then, while my I never could have consented to this thing but supports cooking, I will see for myself low the for the fact that I connot take him with me. So gitizens of Cactus Bar amuse themselves," "I'm afraid," observed the landlord, apolepeticulty, as he conducted his guest into the

office, "that you'll get a poor "pinton of the bior aboard the stage that your to the town where Do you realize it, George?" winff our folks is made of by them two fellows." | you are staying, for some mysterious reason, "Gh, I dare say you have harder hitters in the place than they are," replied the Major, with a droll sadle, as he wrote his name in a long, narrow account book that here the dignified title of "register."

"Yes, we've plenty of men as can do both "em up and not half try," was the limdlord's

After ordering the Major's supper, Draper resince be could lisp the word, will be welcome. started for the arona. Meanwhile Sam Peters, if I do, I am quite sure Ruth will not object, remaining after the growd had repaired beliand On Thursday, Tommy reached Cactus Bar in the hotel to gratify his curiosity respecting the the stage. He manifested a pronounced juvestranger's identity, had taken a peep at the nile delight at again being with his uncle, register and had seen the name, written in a whom, as usual, he called "papa." During the hold hand, of Maj. Thomas Turnbull Thomps hoy's infancy the Major had lived in Mrs. Veley's home at Peoria, and had taught Tommy

As a loyal citizen of Cactus Bar Sam had thought it his duty to precede the Major to the had called the doughty Major. scope of the fight, and inform the combatants that they must not disgrace themselves by petering out, for there was to be a witness to the "scrap" who was a professional," Every man present agreed that Luke and Tad should do intence and arrival a secret, because, for one hours their handsomest and give the military gentle- | reason, he thought he could manage the exman no cause for disappointment. Thus in- planation better after the marriage. Several spired the two men confronted each other with | times he was on the point of telling her, but a determined looks that could not be misinter- sinking of the heart warned him to silence. So

A moment later when the Major appeared that Buth saw the lad. round the corner the fight was in vigorous After the ceremony, which occured in church progress. Such blows neither of the fighters | the nuptial couple drove at once to the cozy had over before given or received. They fought | cottage which the Major some time before had like savages, and at the end of two minutes the | rented and furnished in an artistic if not elesight became too revolting to be entertaining | gant fashion. As the happy pair walked arm to Maj. Thompson, who said in a firm voice : in arm up the flower fringed path, they per-"Stop, gentleman! You will ruin your faces | ceived on the perch little Tommy, whom the and your clothes. I say let us call it a draw and | Major had not permitted to be present at the all go into the hotel and drink to the health of | wedding. He was all smiles and expectance,

To this proposition there was not a dissent- dressed the Major as "papa," ing voice. On the contrary, everybody seemed | The word rang like a horrible knell in Buth's to be in perfect accord with it. The pugilists cars. She turned crimson and then pale; her shook hands and limped into the bar-room, brain reeled; her form shivered; she could not congratulating each other upon their strength | see; che could not speak, and skill. They crowded about the bar, which | An hour afterwards when she returned to Draper kimself condescended to preside over in | consciousness she was in a bright room lying on a velvet sofa. At first she imagined herself to

"Now, gentlemen, order just what you like be alone; but very soon she caught sight of a best and allow me to contion you as to one little head lying on the floor close beside her. must be musical.

thing-don't be modest." This sort of good-fellowship at once lifted | odge of the sofa, and saw Tommy. Maj. Thompson into the seventh beaven of A moment inter she began intercepting the their exteen. Muffled project to the Major Was

glasses would altow.

calisted in the -- Illinois Volunteers."

"The same man," returned the Major.

by poor Joe and leave Cactus Bar that day.

sure, and if it would not be asking too much,"

"I will do it, Joe, rest assured I will do it,"

"My name, madame," the Major immediately

"Indeed?" interrupted the young woman;

of his hair and place it in this locket, which

"Yes," was the Major's simple answer,

ter of their conversation had already made

Prouts, Ita., March 28, 16-,

My DEAR BROTHER: I write to say that I have

I expect to start next week. Mr. Hapley will

eriess boy and train bim to be a true gentleman

Your affectionate slater, Lucy Versey,

claimed the Major, as he folded up and placed

"Well, here is a pretty mess, I declare," ex-

From his fences the Major kept Tommy's ex-

that it was not until after she became a wife

But, unfortunately, in his salutation be ad-

She raised herself on her elbow, leaned over the

manage the route and everything of that kind for

this move will not meet with your entire sanction

able to be swallowed.

The moor fellow,"

and careworn.

" please be seated."

with equal facility the men, taking excellent | led Ruth to believe that the Major now had a need of the Major's caution, poured out as larce living wife and had wickedly deceived her. quantity of liquor as the capacity of the | She did not wait to hear any explanations from the Major, who was at that moment in the kitchen preparing a dose which he hoped would "Bo any of you gentlemen happen to rememher Joseph Aubray? He used to live here in revive her, but left the dwelling after inditing Cactus Bar," said the Major, abandoning the | this little message, which she placed on the

glass of clutet he had called for as too unpalat- | center-table : Wretch! Though you have entrapped me into becoming your second living wife, I will never live "I do," said two men almost simultaneously. with you-you who have blighted my life by a deshall hate you as in the past I have loved you.

I have no desire to detruct "Joseph Aubray," repeated Sam Peters; "why, yes, of course; Joe, as we called him,

The Major was thoroughly perplexed at read-"He was killed," continued Sam, "at Gettyshe had had with her. "I helped lower his body in the grave," Having obtained a clue to the matter, the cision." "Yes, gentlemen," said the Major, "I served Major laughed immoderately over it as an absurd mistake on Ruth's part. At the same time

"Is that possible?" queried the landlord, cuby his postponed explanations. But subsequent "On the second day of that terrible engage- and hope of the Major's were to be so easily re- besitatingly assert that in their maturer years

right lung. He died in three hours. I hap-That same day he was emphatically denied pened to be in charge of one of the hospitals, admission to Ruth's home and presence, and it did." owing to the death of two Surgeons on the field, for a number of days afterward his knocks upon and so received the last dying commission of The conversation continued between the ing every episode of his life, but they were sent Major and Sam Peters, who seemed delighted

goin' to be an hour late anyway to-night, sure's | nonneed that the Major's supper was waiting. | absolute divorce. On the following morning the Major, having | was told that already they had discovered evi- | where the word "rebuilion" designated the received directions as to its location from dence against him that would possess sufficient Draper, left the hotel and proceeded toward the | weight in the mind of the Judge to warrant house in which Miss Aubray and her widowed him in granting the woman what she de- so desirous of fraternizing and comminging, mother resided. It was his intention to per- manded.

form the duty which had been intrusted to him sented in court. On the very first day of the Certainly his trying journey from Chicago had not been relieved with any agreeable infating the tremendous testimony of the honest was "a sledge-hammer witness."

On the following morning the Major had Just before leaving Cactus Bar to join the scarcely entered the hotel to while away the army, Joe Aubray had been presented with a dainty little gold chased locket containing the few minutes that were to elapse before the court miniature of the giver, Miss Ruth Aubray, his charming sister. During his tast moments on poster bearing the following announcement: the battlefield he had said to the Major: " My Come one! Come all! sister Buth would like a last token of me, I'm

And hear the celebrated Lucy Veley, in her new | fully and freely met. press-praised and people-praised lecture,
"Evenings at Home."

To night at the Town Hall. ever near Cactus Bar, will you not go there voice, if the lecturess had arrived. The land-"That's so," agreed Sam, with his asual def- the Major, deeply affected, had answered, and mons silver watch and comparing while he ercorce to the landlord's judgment. Mean- this was the errand that lead brought Major spoke its record with that of an ugly clock while Tad Redwood and Luke Myers and Thompson to Cactus Bar. As he came in sight that cluttered at its own hideous will on an I have never heard of it. Year after year this entrance to every Jewish house there is nailed clinched and stood in the portentous attitude of of the Anbray house, the Major, much as be a little tin box, generally three or four inches an encounter. At any other hour of the day than had battled against the inclination, could not | Lyceum Committee on the west-bound stage at | ex Confederate survivors to join with them in | long and one-half or a whole inch wide.

spectators in such close proximity to his bar "A perfect Venus!" he exclaimed as his hotel, and of the significance of his relation- fires with the same result, and on several occa- to. . that most of them could not resist the tempta- eyes rested upon the fair face. "How beautis ship to the lecturess, who was the "sledge- sions on invitation was given to the most of them could not resist the tempta- eyes rested upon the fair face. "How beautis is the sledge- sions on invitation was given to the most of them could not resist the tempta- eyes rested upon the fair face." hammer" witness's mother. The lawyer, prominent ex-Confederate of them all, a prom- home, but the door-frame of every room is tained only by patient search among the He closed the locket and hurried forward with an ambitions elevation of his shaggy | inent State official, and accepted by him, only | adorned with one of the sacred emblems. Exing down the willage street. He knew that if through the gate. He was soon usbered into eyebrows, remarked: "There is no longer any to have an excuse in the shape of a smoothlythere happened to be any strangers among the the pretty little reception room and stood in reason, sir, to be concerned. We shall win the worded letter of regrets sent at the last mo-When the court opened the counsel for the

"I supported him in my arms when he

passed away," continued the Major. "Just begranted this request. Not far from two hours afterward the stage, captained by Jud Simmons, the only approachhe said contained a picture of you. I promised able rival of Bill Soper, brought Mrs. Lucy Veley to Cactus Bar. The Major, his lawyer, and a representative from the Lyceum Committee, stood in front of Draper's Hotel to welcome her. Mrs. Veley was immediately led she received and opened the locket and teninto a remote corner of the hotel parlor by the Major and his attorney, much to the discomfiture of Mr. Egtonell, of the Lyceum Committee, who had wasted time from his tinshop, "I do not know how to express my gratitude | and had donned a new spiespan paper collar to

receive the great lecturess-in vain. to you," she said, with a quavering intonation. The Major made known his dilemma to his | combe, and as such should be trodden upon. The Major tried to protest that it was only a sister in language too terse to fall below or rise above the range of her quick understanding. other phrases of appreciation that touched his After a hasty consultation it was decided that Mrs. Veley should go alone to Ruth and explain everything to her.

Mrs. Veley accordingly set forth upon her mission after receiving instructions as to the In Chicago in 1893 it will mean humbug and whereabouts of the Aubray residence. During The Major's nervous manner might have inhis sister's absence the Major paced the floor in dicated that on his side a deeper feeling even a subdued spasm of suspense, his austere counstreet, and were advoitly brought to a stand- than friendship had taken possession of him. sel remaining the while in an apparently brown still by Bill Soper, the acknowledged king of Such, in short, was the case. For, despite the study-probably trying to determine how fact that he had remained marriage-proof for much he could charge the Major for his invalu-

Baptist minister, who had been expected home. Aubray. But he had the will and good taste to to the hotel, and with her came Ruth Thomp-He was no other than Maj. Thompson, or, to desist from speaking of his sudden passion for son-humbled, self-reproachful, overcome. The reconciliation between her and the Major en-The chronicle of Maj. Thompson's courtship | sped in the hotel parlor, before a few priviwould perhaps not discloss any particularly new leged spectators, who ere sunset had noised it phases of human nature, and, therefore, for the | all over the town, so that everyone knew

Bill a tip and and a jolly wink at the same he won Miss Anbeny's hand and heart by dint | That night all the good people of Cactus Bar of great gallantry, true devotion, and, for a turned out to hear Mrs. Veley's lecture on At this moment Mr. Draper introduced him- time, with no few misgivings of what the ne- "Evenings at Home," from which she realized more money than at any other place during The wedding was arranged to take place in her season's tour; and not the least interested the early part of April. One day about a week of her auditors were Major and Mrs. Thomp-"Yes," said the Major, "Get me up a good | preceding the event a letter was received by | son, and little Tommy, who sat between them.

How He Sat on Her. [New York World.] It was on a bridge train. He sat reading a paper, and she was locking out of the window.

completed all arrangements to begin another feeture tour through the South and West. I suppose About midway of the bridge she turned and "George! George!" popular discourse. It is entitled "Evenings at

" Well ?" "I am nervous!" A 3.08, "

"George?" #1 Well 9 27

Yes.

"If the structure should give way?" "If the structure should give way do you realize what would happen?'

you muy look for him next Toesday. As you last "Em!" adjected that you would remain in Cactus Bar for "Do you realize that every soul of us would myself with him as for as White Biuffs and putting be precipitated into the watery abyss below? I know you will be glad to take care of my fath-

"And if we were precipitated that not a soul of us could by any possibility escape a grave beneath the troubled "---

"Say!" he interupted as he folded up his paper with a yawn, "don't let me forget to the letter in his pocket. "So Lucy has decided | measure that back window for a musketo bar to send ber young heir to me after all. Well, as soon as we get home. The flies are beginlittle Tom, who has always called me 'papa' | ning to thaw out."

[Puck.]

"Did yer father lick yer, Jimmie?" "Did yer put the jography in yer pants?"

"Then what yer cryin' fur?" "Ah-h-h-I didn't have time to get me pants to say "papa," by which name he ever since on. Boo-hoo!" One Comfort,

> [New York Weekly.] Conductor-We have missed the connection, and you will have to wait at this station six Old Lady (who is a little nervous on the rail-

road)-Well, I'm safe for six hours anyway. Monry Easily Earned. [London Tid-Bits.] "What! Another new dress?" said a mar-

ried man to his botter-half, as the parcel was opened. "Don't distress yourself," she replied; "I paid for this out of my own pocket,"

"Oh, indeed! But where did you get the money from?" "I sold your overcoat," was the cool reply.

Several Kinds of Concerts. [Sl. Paul Dispatch.] "She may be well educated, as you say, but

the uses very singular expressions." "She does?" "Yes. Yesterday, for instance, she spoke of a musical concert." "Wasn't that correct?"

"Certainly not. It wasn't necessary to say musical when speaking of a concert. A concert "Must, ch? Well, I've been at some that

were not," Pain in Chest, short breath, pain, flattering, smothering, dropsy, asthma cured by Dr. Miles were sounded on all ables. With great facility his "papa"; that his mamma had gone a long New Heart Care, sold at droggists. Free treatise Draper handed out the glasses and bottles, and distance away, and these statements naturally | by mail. Millie Mrn. Co., Elkhaur, Ixo.

BLUE AND GRAY.

Reasons Why They Should Not Mix at the Chicago EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I note in the columns of the Northern press a very considerable amount of discussion as to the commingling of the Bine and the Gray at the World's Fair, and it inclines me to narrate for the bene-

I have no desire to detract from the merits of the Confederate soldier. He was a brave foeman, and fought valiantly. But, to quote Gen. ing this note. Finally it occurred to him to ask | Beauregard, in a letter to the Maryland Line Tommy if he had said anything to the lady. | some years since: "The God of Battles de-Tommy frankly gave a resume of the interview | cided" that their cause was wrong; and he adds. "We have yielded like men to the de-

The evidence which comes before the eyes of an old soldier living in the farther South is he did not doubt that the cloud of we that now | that the latter statement is not wholly true. enveloped his wife's heart would soon be lifted | There are brave ex-Confederates in the South like Maj. J. F. Hanson, of Macon; Col. Garnett circumstances disproved that this conclusion | Andrews, of Chattaneoga, and others, who unthey can see how terribly wrong the rebellion was, and that they are glad "the war ended as

But there are others, and I fear their numthe door of the Aubray mansion received no ber does not decrease, who dream of the glories esponse. He sent Ruth prolix letters detail- of the "might have been," who claim that the South was right, but they "were overwhelmed as to the sphink. And finally one day a citizen by foreign mercenaries," and who are in full of Cactus Bar informed him that Ruth had in- sympathy with that idiot of the Georgia Legisstituted proceedings against him to obtain an lature who, only the past Summer, introduced a bill which should make it a crime subject to The two greatest lawyers in the County had | fine and imprisonment for any teacher in any been retained as her counsel. In addition, he school in Georgia to permit a book to be used

late war between the States. If the ex-soldiers of the dead Confederacy are the place to begin that eperation is at home. Some three months later the case was pre- There are Union soldiers in every part of the South who came here to make their future ception, good citizens, and in their desire to of peace, and in many instances have held it out too far.

Good-fellowship has existed between the old soldiers of both sides as individuals, but in this | due to a simple cause, not known to the tien-

tance, several thousand dead Confederates lie. | Gentiles. The Major's heart fluttered. A ray of hope On the first occasion when a Grand Army from the unexpected flashed into his bosom. Post observed Memorial Day at this National own dead, they went in a body to the Confedlord pompously replied, pulling out his ener- erate Cemetery and decorated the graves there.

Another instance in another city of this son had thought it wholly impossible to se- valled (not Grady's), and all the various socie- portion of the doorframes. cure, was at this moment only a few miles from | ties were invited to participate. The comrades | Much to the disgust of the prosecution the good- | tend the hand of fellowship to the Confeder- one of his coreligionists dwells within the natured Judge, who was dying for a smoke, ates, and invited them to a collation after the house. parade. It was a most enjoyable affair for the Confederate privates who accepted. While the Camp was largely composed of ex-Confederate officers, but one of these was present. The privates declared that these meetings were so delightful that they must be held often, yet to tion or in any other way, acknowledged the courtesy then extended.

So long as this spirit is manifested in the South, what absurd nonsense it is to talk and cry for fraternization and comminging at the World's Fair. It is all meant for political bun-The representatives of the Confederate sentiment as compared to the representatives of Union sentiment are ah hundred, yes, 500, to one of the white citizens in the South. Here fraternization means magnanimity; it means common love of a common country and flag. stuff. For one, "I'm agin it." Yours in F., C.

Maimed Soldiers' League.

and L.-Albert E. Sholes, Augusta, Ga.

Maimed Soldiers' League, held at Detroit dur- | evolution or design? ing the meeting of the National Encampment of the G. A. R. in August last. This meeting was held at the call of the U.

. M. S. League, and was attended by comrades from many of the several States of the Union who are suffering from the results of the loss of limb or limbs in line of duty during the rebelion. Over 100 responded to their names, and much enthusiasm was exhibited by all present. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Robert McKinstry, late United States Pension Agent at Detroit. John Higgs, of that city, acted as Secretary. Comrade McKinstry called upon the officers of the League, the majority of whom live in Philadelphia, Pa., to give an account of the League work. The invitation was responded to by Comrades J. H. R. Storey, Treasurer; A. G. Rapp, Corresponding Secretary, and James M. McGee, Recording Secretary. The desire of comrades to hear these reports was manifested in the fact that three hours slipped away before the officers had concluded their various statements. The comrades present then determined that the work should go steadily en in the future in order that the increase of pensions for maimed soldiers to an amount sufficient to maintain them in comfort during their declining years might become an accomplished fact. A resolution of cordial support was then unanimously adopted by the meeting.

It was also resolved to meet again in Washington at the next Annual Encampment of the G. A. R., the place of meeting to be published in the columns of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, and in the next annual circular of the League.

All comrades who can possibly make it convenient to do so, are invited to be present in Washington at that time, and also at the anhall of Post No. 2, G. A. R., Philadelphia, Pa., MARTINDELL, President, Philadelphia.

A Comrade Defends the Right of Soldiers to Compensation for Injuries.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: A recent number of the Century has an article on " Pensions and Socialism." It contains this broad statement: "That the citizen soldier has neither a moral nor a legal right to a pension." Now the general and implied understanding when the "citizen-soldier" enlisted was that pension was a part of the consideration in case of disability as much so as was the pay he was entitled to. It may not have been so stated in the contract, but concurrent testimony of the old soldiers should be evidence of the agreement as they understood it.

The extravagance of pensions consists in giving an average of \$133 a year to old soldiers. If those who are continually crying about the fearful burden of pensions were to suffer the terrible sorrows of most of the pensioners, they would change their cry. Beil down the Ceatury's article and it reads that the tariff and pensions, with some minor abuses, have advanced us as a Nation far into socialism "of an extreme and dangerous kind." The ethics of as the Christian ethics provide.

Now, no class of med are compelled to go through such a process to prove their claims to from time of purchase, are now on sale at very a peasion, as old soldiers. The Government low rates, and patrons of the line are given the seems to act on the principle that all claimants | very best facilities for a quick and comfortable are rascals and liars. The claimant has no ac- journey. Solid vestibuled trains are run It is from the German thal (valley), and came cess to the records of the company or hospital, through from Chicago to Portland, Ore., with- into use in this way some 200 years ago. and is compelled to depend on the memory of out change, with Pullman Palace sleeping cars | There is a little silver mining city or district friends who may change to be living for evidence, although the Gevernment well knows | Excellent meals are provided in Dining Cars, | Joachim's Valley. The relaning Duke of the from the records that the claimant is entitled Tickets west of Chicago should read via the region authorized this city in the 16th century to a pension. After having procured his evi- Chicago & Northwestern, Union Pacific and to coin a silver piece which was called "joachdence it is subjected to a system of espionage | Southern Pacific Railways. Full information | imsthaler." The word "jouchim" was soon that is at variance with all rules of equity. He and reservation of space in sleeping cars can be dropped and the name "thaler" only retained. is never permitted to know what evidence is obtained upon application to any Ticket Agent, The piece went into general use in Germany that Dest New Sample Book 20. U.S. CARD CO. Cadds, 3 thus brought against him. He never gets to er to H. A. Gross, 423 Broadway, New York City, and also in Denmark, where the orthography Mention The National Tellum. see the report of the Medical Examining Board. or by addressing W. A. Thrall, General Passen- was changed to "daler," whence it came into A prejudiced Pestmaster may cut off the ger and Ticket Agent Chicago & Northwestern | English, and was adopted by our forefathers I claim of a deserving man by making an adverse | Railway, Chicago, Ill.

report on the character of some physician or

witness. The applicant ought at least to have the same opportunity as an accused man in our courts, to know the testimony adduced against him, and have a chance for rebuttal. He never knows but one side of the case, unless somebody thinks they can work up a case in the courts against him. Now this is manifestly uniust. fit of the readers of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE A census of the soldiers will prove that they

> of men. They are not pension grabbers. There may be abuses of private pensions by special acts of Congress, that are not right. If the regular list, but somebody has had to do person cannot fail to understand them. false swearing.

The soldier claims the pension as part of an implied contract when he enlisted, not as a mere act of gratitude. A service pension would do away with a vast amount paid for pension machinery; and thus taken to pay soldiers, the expense would not be very materially increased to the Government. The system of espionage would be broken up and the temptation for fraud removed. The soldier relied on the words of Lincoln

that if he bore the battle he would be cared for: if he fell, his widow and orphans should be cherished. Was not that second inaugural the Nation's pledge by its Chief Officer of penus to those who would fight and had fought the Nation's battles? And how bitter now to be told, nearly 30

years afterward, that the soldier has neither a by the Philadelphia publishers. moral nor legal right to a pension. The Nation will yet keep faith with the soldier, even if one political party, aided by grumblers in others for political effect, raises the cry of "burdens of pensions,"-J. N. DAVID, Co. C, Ringgold Cav., Salem, W. Va.

A Queer Custom.

A certain class of Jewish peddlers desire to trial Maj. Thompson began to lose hope of re- home. They have made, almost without ex- deal only with people of their own race. They visit the houses of the poorer quarters Mr. Drayer," excinined another man, who was eidents worthy of remembrance, and Cactus little Tommy, who, in the pictorial language of make life pleasant for themselves and families, left the city where Jews live side by side with one of the learned counsel for the prosecution, they have invariably held out the clive branch Germans, Swedes, Bohemians, Poles, Irish and room where other than a Jew resides.

How do they do this? Their certainty is opened when he noticed on the wall a flaming | comminging and fraternizing business the | tile, which dates back to the times when hisovertures have always come from the Union | tory was young. The Jewish Biblical story soldier, and have never, to my knowledge, been | says that Moses instructed his followers to keep green the memory of their departure In this Department of Georgia there is a from Egypt by making their houses so that National Cemetery where within a short dis- | they could be distinguished from those of the

The last curse sent to Pharaoh's people was the slaughter of first-borns. The Jews marked "Yes," replied the landlord; "but Luke is and give the locket and heir to Ruth? It's a He asked Mr. Draper, in anything but a calm | Cometery, after decorating the graves of their | their doors with lambs' blood, and the destroying angel passed by the doors so marked.

This and the Biblical injunction led to a cus-Does history record where a body of ex-Con- tom among the orthodox Jews which is fol- THE STRUGGLES OF THE NATIONS. By S federates ever did this on their Memorial Day? lowed to this day. On the door frame at the observing the Nation's Memorial Day, but only | It is usually placed six or seven feet from the

neath it.

In portions of Europe, where the Jews are defense requested his Honor to kindly suspend | State. Shortly after a G.A.R. Post had been | less modern than here, the little tin boxes are | growth of civilization. This difficult task has proceedings for a few hours. A material, in fact | formed a Camp of Confederate survivors was | placed at the outer entrance of the houses, but | an "earthquake witness," whom Maj. Thomp- organized. A little later a statue was un- here it is the custom to nail them on the inner Cactus Bar, and would arrive on the next stage. of the G.A.R. thought it a good time to ex- that the Jewish peddler can tell whether or not results of latest discoveries made among the

The Cat's Whiskers,

The long hairs on the side of the cat's face are organs of touch. They are attached to a in verse, is bound in white-and-gold, and illusbed of fine glands under the skin, and each of | trated in half tone and water colors from the these long hairs is connected with the nerves of brushes of well-known artists, J. J. Bisseger, this day, more than three years later, the Con- the lip. The slightest contact of these whis- John J. Boyle, F. S. Church, C. M. Dewey, and federate Survivors' Camp has never, by resolu- kers with any surrounding object is thus felt F. Dielman. It is essentially a Christmas most distinctly by the animal, although the book. hairs themselves are insensible. They stand out on each side of the lion as well as on the common cat. From point to point they are equal to the width of the animal's body.

If we imagine, therefore, a lion stealing through a covert of wood in an imperfect light we shall at once see the use of these long bairs. They indicate to him through the nicest feeling any obstacle which may present itself to the passage of its body; they prevent the rustling of boughs and leaves which would give warning to his prey if he were to attempt to pass too close to a bush, and thus in conjunction with the soft cushions of his feet and the fur upon which he treads-the claws never coming in contact with the ground-they enable him to move toward his victim with a EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: We ask that stillness even greater than that of the snake, you publish in your valuable paper the follow- which creeps along the grass and is not pering account of the meeting of the United States | ceived until it is coiled around its prey. Is this

Bragen of Holy Writ.

(Buffalo Commercial.) posed by naturalists to have been extinct for 200 | to write on the training of children; Palmer derived from information obtained through partment; Sarah Orne Jewett's next novel the finding of the petrified animal in an upper | will be printed, while Chauncey M. Depew, strata of stone in Tilgate forest, in Sussex and Mr. Wanamaker, Mrs. ex-Secretary Whitney, Kent Counties, England. The Philadelphia and a score of other "diners out," will tell specimen is about five feet long, and was capt- whether or not the use of wine is decreasing at ured last June in Egypt. It is covered with a fashionable dinners. thick skin having the appearance of scales, and Toys, New and Old, with some Notes on along its back is a row of conical bones, re- Christmas Shopping, and The Selection of sembling the fin of a large fish. The animal Gifts for Young Children, are among the seahas the general appearance of a large lizard, its somble subjects discussed in the December tail being about the same length as its body. It number of Babyhood. In addition, there are has five long talon-like toes on each foot, and | medical articles, by well-known authorities, on possesses two rows of teeth, which it is always | Bilicusness in Children, Nursery Ventilation ready to use. The dragoon is a vicious animal, and Warming, and The Care of Delicate Chiland, when touched with a stick, will rear itself | dren, 20 cents a number, \$2 per year. Pubalmost perpendicular on its tail, while its small lished at 5 Beekman street, New York. eyes will give forth a baleful light, accompanied with a hissing noise, very similar to that | is a literary and historic treasure. It completes made by a snake. The eyes are dark, sur- the 26th volume of this popular monthly, rounded by a blood-red iris,

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